

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Please cancel Claim 12 without prejudice, and please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A toner for developing an electrostatic image, comprising:

a resin binder, and

not less than 0.1% by weight of an element selected from the group consisting of copper, chromium, iron, zinc, and molybdenum;

wherein the toner has an isolation ratio of the element of not more than 10% by number, where the isolation ratio of the element is determined by ~~particle emission analysis~~ ~~measuring light emission voltage caused by carbon and the element of particles present in the toner with a fluorescent X-ray analysis~~ and defined as 100 times the number of particles exhibiting emission from the element but not exhibiting emission from carbon divided by the sum of the number of particles exhibiting emission from the element but not exhibiting emission from carbon and the number of particles exhibiting emission from the element and exhibiting emission from carbon.

2. (Original) The toner of claim 1, wherein the isolation ratio of the element is not more than 5% by number.

3. (Original) The toner of claim 1, wherein the isolation ratio of the element is not more than 2.5% by number.

4. (Previously amended) The toner of claim 1, wherein the element is copper, iron, or zinc.

5. (Previously amended) The toner of claim 1, wherein the element is molybdenum.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Original) The toner of claim 1, wherein the toner is prepared by emulsion polymerization.

9. (Original) A developer for developing electrostatic image comprising a toner of claim 1.

10. (Original) A developer for developing electrostatic image comprising a toner of claim 1 and a carrier.

11. (Previously amended) An image forming method comprises the steps of forming an electrostatic image on the surface of a photoreceptor, developing the electrostatic image by a developer to form a toner image, transferring the developed toner image to a recording medium, and fixing the toner image transferred on the recording medium, wherein the toner of claim 1 is used.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Added) The toner of claim 12, wherein Mn of the binder resin is 1,000 to 100,000, Mw of the resin is 2,000 to 1,000,000, and a molecular weight distribution Mw/Mn is 1.5 to 100.

14. (Previously Added) The toner of claim 1, wherein the element is provided in form of a pigment, a magnetic powder, or a charge controlling agent.

15. (Previously Added) The toner of claim 1, wherein the element is provided in the form of a pigment comprising copper phthalocyanine.

16. (Previously Added) The toner of claim 1, wherein the element is provided in the form of a magnetic powder comprising magnetite or ferrite.

17. (Previously Added) The toner of claim 1, wherein the element is provided in the form of a charge controlling agent comprising a chromium azo complex, a chromium salicylic acid complex, a zinc salicylic acid complex, or a molybdenum quaternary ammonium complex.